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In Reply Refer To: GE 973E

November 10, 2021

Ms. Lauren Spence  
TOTAL E&P USA, INC.  
1201 Louisiana Street, Suite 1600  
Houston, Texas 77002

Dear Ms. Spence:

By letter dated August 4, 2021, TOTAL E&P USA, INC. (TOTAL) requests approval of a Suspension of Production (SOP) for the Garden Banks (GB) Block 959 Unit, Agreement No. 754316004. The unit consists of Leases OCS-G 30869, 30870, 30876, and 32460, and was held by an SOP through August 31, 2021.

TOTAL awarded certain contracts for drilling, completion, and subsea production equipment over the past year. TOTAL requests an SOP for sufficient time to construct, transport, and install the production facility, and drill, complete, and begin production from unit wells.

In accordance with Articles IX, XVI, and XVII of the Unit Agreement and 30 CFR 250.174(a), an SOP for the GB Block 959 Unit is hereby approved from September 1, 2021, through October 31, 2022. TOTAL is expected to follow the enclosed SOP activity schedule and must notify this office in writing (progress report) by the end of each month in which a deadline is scheduled. If you have any questions, contact Mr. Imran Vahora at (504) 736-2664 or [imran.vahora@bsee.gov](mailto:imran.vahora@bsee.gov).

Sincerely,

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